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Delaware Air National Guard hosts Open House and Air Show October 14

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NEW CASTLE – On Saturday, October 14, 2006 the **Delaware Air National Guard 60th Anniversary Open House and Air Show** will highlight the 60th anniversary celebration of the unit founded in 1946.

The event is free and open to the public, starting 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The event is on the Air Guard side of the New Castle County Airport. The address is 2600 Spruance Drive, New Castle, DE 19720.

Lt. Col. Stephen Caton, the Air Show Director, said, "This will be an enjoyable, family-friendly event. We've assembled an impressive performance of air power, from World War II vintage aircraft through aircraft now used in daily combat in Southwest Asia. It will be the largest air show in 10 years in New Castle County. We welcome residents of Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and beyond. Coming just one weekend after the Dover Air Force Base Air Show, we expect a large turnout."

There are two free parking locations for general public visitors. 24 shuttle buses will operate constantly to transport people to the air base and back. The most well known and largest parking lot is the General Motors auto manufacturing plant lot, a 10 minute shuttle bus drive away and located near Newport, DE, zip code 19804. The other lot is the Boeing plant parking lot, located a few minutes away at 12 Penn's Way, New Castle, DE, zip code 19720, off Commons Boulevard. It is on the other side of Commons Boulevard from the New Castle County Government Center. Handicap parking is available, with placard.

The all-day Open House will include demonstrations and exhibits put on by units of the Air and Army National Guard, showcasing the mission, people, and capabilities of the units stationed here in Delaware. There will be various activities to help educate and entertain kids, from small children through teenagers.

The Governor of Delaware, who is also the Commander in Chief of the Delaware National Guard, is scheduled to attend and have a key role in a brief ceremony with a military formation. A number of other distinguished visitors from civilian and military leadership positions will also be in attendance.

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The Air Show has two parts. The all-day ground portion will include static displays of current military aircraft in the Air Force and Army inventories along with vintage military aircraft from WWII to the present. Some of these aircraft will be open to the public for people to venture inside for a close-up look.

Part of the ground portion is the annual Special Olympics Delaware Plane Pull. It begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at Noon. Over a dozen teams from local schools, businesses and other organizations competing in a fun-filled test of strength and teamwork to pull a C-130 transport aircraft a set distance in the fastest time.

The flying portion of the Air Show occurs 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will include a parachute team, fly-bys of modern and vintage aircraft, military aerobatic acts, and demonstrations of military aircraft capabilities. A mix of military fighter and transport aircraft, helicopters and civilian aircraft are expected.

Confirmed aircraft flying in the air show (further aircraft may be added):

A-10 Thunderbolt II (“Warthog”) close air support aircraft

B-1 Lancer bomber

B-2 Spirit multi-role bomber

B-17 Flying Fortress bomber

C-130 Hercules transport

F-22A Raptor fighter

Matt Chapman CAP 231 aerobatic performance aircraft; <http://www.mattchapman.com>

Michael Mancuso Extra 300-L aerobatic performance aircraft; <http://www.mmairshows.com>

MiG-23 Russian fighter (MiG means Mikoyan-Gurevich)

P-40 Curtiss Warhawk fighter/bomber

P-47 Thunderbolt fighter

P-51 Mustang fighter

UH-1 Iroquois (“Huey”) helicopter

UH-60 Black Hawk utility tactical transport helicopter

Confirmed static display aircraft:

A-10 Thunderbolt II (“Warthog”) close air support aircraft

Bell Jet Ranger helicopter (Delaware State Police)

C-5 Galaxy transport

C-130 Hercules transport

C-38 VIP staff transport

Cessna 172 and 182

Civil Air Patrol Aircraft

L-5 Sentinel light transport (“Flying Jeep”)

L-29 Delfin (Czech military trainer)

MiG-21 Russian fighter (MiG means Mikoyan-Gurevich)

P-40 Curtiss Warhawk fighter/bomber

P-47 Thunderbolt fighter

P-51 Mustang fighter

PT-19 Cornell trainer

T-6 Vintage Texan single-engine, two-seat primary trainer

T-37 Tweet twin engine training jet

UH-1 Iroquois (“Huey”) helicopter

UH-60 Black Hawk utility tactical transport helicopter

YAK-52 Yakovlev (Soviet primary trainer aircraft)

The last Open House and Air Show was in 1996, and thousands of people packed the New Castle air base.

For newspaper listings, please publish as the point of contact for the Oct. 14 Open House and Air Show Lt. Col. David Deputy, Chief of Staff, 166th Airlift Wing, (302) 323-3504.

News media should contact the Delaware Air National Guard Public Affairs office at 302-323-3369 for media credentials. Media parking will be on base, just yards away from the flight line and all activities.

The Delaware Air National Guard is a reserve component of the U.S. Air Force, Air Mobility Command, and part of the Delaware National Guard. When mobilized for federal duty, members come under the command of the President of the United States. When not mobilized for federal duty, members come under the command of the Governor of Delaware. Since Sept. 11, 2001 the unit has been very active in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The unit has 1,100 positions, with about 800 of these jobs part-time positions with significant education, training and service benefits. The 166th Airlift Wing flies eight C-130 Hercules transport aircraft, with various support units and about 150 job specialties. Members reside in over 20 states; two-thirds (65 percent) of the unit's members live in Delaware, and about 30 percent live in nearby Pa. (12 percent), N.J. (seven percent) and Md. (11 percent). The remaining five percent live in over a dozen other states.

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